

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) An outlet and battery charger combination device for providing an emergency supply of electricity and for charging a plurality of batteries, said
5 device comprising:

a housing;

a switch being positioned in said housing and electrically coupled to a power
supply;

at least one electrical plug outlet being mounted in a front wall of said housing,
10 said plug outlet being electrically coupled to said switch;

a battery charger being mounted within said housing, said battery charger being
electrically coupled to the power supply;

a plurality of compartments being mounted in said housing and extending into
said front wall, each of said compartments being electrically coupled to
15 said battery charger, each of said compartments having a size and shape
for selectively receiving a rechargeable battery, each of said compartments
having electrical contacts therein for transferring an electrical current from
said battery charger to the rechargeable battery;

a plurality of rechargeable batteries, each of said rechargeable batteries being
20 positioned in one of said compartments;

an inverter being positioned within said housing and electrically coupled to each
of said compartments, said inverter being electrically coupled to said
switch; and

wherein said switch may selectively open a circuit between said plug outlet and
25 said power supply or said plug outlet and said inverter.

2. (currently amended) An outlet and battery charger combination device for providing an emergency supply of electricity and for charging a plurality of batteries, said
device comprising:

30 a housing;

a switch being positioned in said housing and electrically coupled to a power supply;

at least one electrical plug outlet being mounted in a front wall of said housing, said plug outlet being electrically coupled to said switch;

5 a battery charger being mounted within said housing, said battery charger being electrically coupled to the power supply;

a plurality of charging ports, each of said charging ports extending into said housing and being electrically coupled to said battery charger;

10 a plurality of rechargeable batteries, each of said rechargeable batteries including plug members ~~adapted for~~ electrically coupled to said charging ports;

an inverter being electrically coupled to each of said charging ports, said inverter being electrically coupled to said switch; and wherein said switch may selectively open a circuit between said plug outlet and said power supply or said plug outlet and said inverter.

15